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(Department of Food)

ORDERS

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G.S.R. 1405.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Order may be called the Madhya Pradesh Rice Procurement (Levy) Order, 1960.

(2) It extends to the districts of Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Raigarh, Shahdol and Balaghat of the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) “controlled price”, in relation to any variety and grade of rice, means the maximum price fixed for that variety and grade in the Rice (Madhya Pradesh) Second Price Control Order, 1958, dated the 23rd December, 1958, as amended from time to time;
- (b) “Enforcement Officer” means an officer of the Government of India not below the rank of Quality Inspector and includes the Purchase Officer and any Police Officer not below the rank of Head Constable;
- (c) “Purchase Officer” means the Joint Director (Food), Government of India, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh and includes the Deputy Director (Food) or any other officer appointed by the Central Government to exercise the powers of the Purchase Officer under this Order;
- (d) “licensed dealer” means a person holding a valid licence under the Madhya Pradesh Foodgrains Dealers Licensing Order, 1958;
- (e) “licensed miller” means the owner or other person incharge of a rice mill holding a valid licence under the Rice-Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958 (21 of 1958);
- (f) “rice” means any variety of rice produced or manufactured in a rice mill worked by power;
- (g) “rice mill” means the plant and machinery with which, and the premises including precincts thereof in which, or in any part of which, rice milling operation is carried on.

3. Levy on rice.—(1) Every licensed miller shall sell to the Purchase Officer at the controlled price,—

- (a) at the commencement of this Order, 25 per cent of the quantity of rice held in stock by him at such commencement; and
- (b) beginning with such commencement until such time as the Purchase Officer otherwise directs, 25 per cent of the total quantity of rice produced or manufactured by him in his rice mill every day.

(2) Every licensed dealer shall sell to the Purchase Officer at the controlled price,—

- (a) at the commencement of this Order, 25 per cent of the quantity of rice held in stock by him at such commencement; and
- (b) beginning with such commencement until such time as the Purchase Officer otherwise directs,—
 - (i) 25 per cent of the total quantity of rice got milled by him every day out of his stocks of paddy; and
 - (ii) 25 per cent of the total quantity of rice purchased or otherwise acquired by him for the purpose of sale from persons other than licensed millers or licensed dealers.

(3) The rice required to be sold to the Purchase Officer under sub-clause (1) or (2) shall be delivered by the licensed miller or the licensed dealer to the Purchase Officer or to such other person as may be authorized in this behalf by the Purchase Officer.

(4) The Central Government may, by order notified in the Official Gazette, vary the percentage of rice required to be sold to the Purchase Officer under this Order.

4. Powers of entry, search, seizure, etc.—(1) Any Enforcement Officer may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

- (i) enter, with such assistance as may be necessary, any rice mill or other premises where he has reason to believe that rice is produced or stocked;
- (ii) ask of any person all necessary questions;
- (iii) examine any books or documents;
- (iv) search, and so far as may be necessary for that purpose, detain any person or seize rice found in such person's possession in respect of which he has reason to believe that a contravention of any of the provisions of this Order has been, is being or is about to be committed and thereafter take or authorize the taking of all measures necessary for the production of stocks so seized, in a court and for their safe custody, pending such production.

(2) The provisions of sections 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, relating to search and seizure shall, so far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this clause.

[No. 206(MP)(1)/471/60-PY.II.]

G.S.R. 1406.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendment in the Madhya Pradesh Rice (Movement Control) Order, 1957, namely:—

1. This Order may be called the Madhya Pradesh Rice (Movement Control) Amendment Order, 1960.

2. In clause 3 of the Madhya Pradesh Rice (Movement Control) Order, 1957, after the proviso, the following further proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that nothing contained in sub-clause (1) shall apply to the export of rice (other than paddy) under the Madhya Pradesh Foodgrains (Export Licence) Order, 1960.”

[No. 204(WFZ)(2)/472/60-PY. II.]

G.S.R. 1407.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendment in the Inter-Zonal Wheat Movement Control Order, 1957, namely:—

1. This Order may be called the Inter-Zonal Wheat Movement Control (Third Amendment) Order, 1960.

2. In clause 3 of the Inter-Zonal Wheat Movement Control Order, 1957, after the second proviso, the following further proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that nothing contained in sub-clauses (1) and (2) shall apply to the export of wheat to, or the import of wheat into, any place within the State of Maharashtra or Gujarat from any place within the State of Madhya Pradesh under the Madhya Pradesh Foodgrains (Export License) Order, 1960”.

[No. 204(WFZ)(2)/473/60-PY. II.]

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